



Kentucky State Data Center

Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas

According to the Federal government, Kentucky added two metropolitan statistical areas and has 17 micropolitan statistical areas, a new designation, based on 2000 Census data. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defines metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas for purposes of collecting, tabulating, and publishing Federal data. Comprising one or more counties, metropolitan and micropolitan statistical area definitions result from applying published standards to Census Bureau data.

The general concept of *metros* and *micros* is that of core area containing a substantial population nucleus—together with adjacent communities having a high degree of social and economic integration with that core. Metros require a core urbanized area population of 50,000 or more. The core size requirement of micros is 10,000. If adjacent metros and micros show a high degree of integration with each other, they are defined

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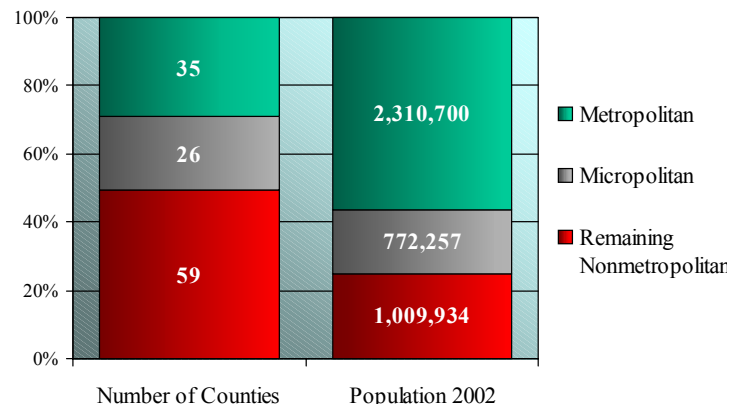
as a combined statistical area (CSA).

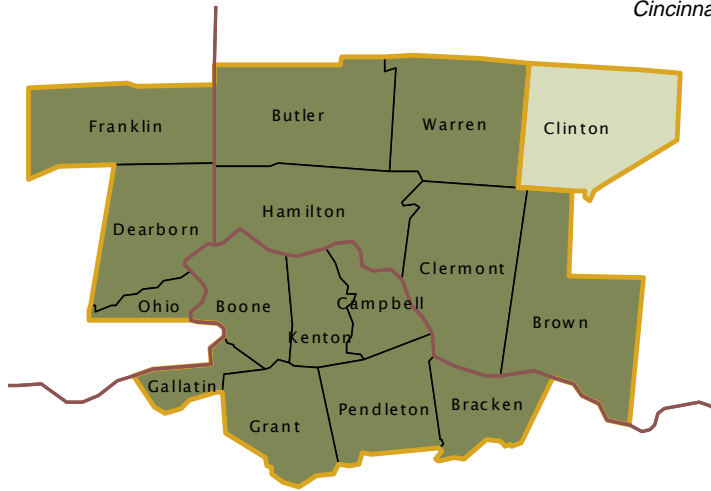
The addition of two metros raises Kentucky's total to nine that are at least in part inside the state border. Kentucky's new metros—Elizabethtown and Bowling Green—join Lexington-Fayette and Owensboro-Daviess as metropolitan statistical areas contained completely in the state. The other five metros are shared by Kentucky with neighboring states.

With the new OMB designations, the number of metropolitan counties in the state increased from 22 to 35 and contained 2.3 million people in 2002 or 57 percent of the state population. In addition, 26 counties were designated as wholly or part of a micropolitan statistical area. Micro area counties contained 772,000 persons or 19 per-

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2003 OMB Designations for Kentucky Counties





	<u>2002 Estimate</u>
Cincinnati-Middletown-Wilmington, OH-KY-IN Combined Statistical Area	2,081,836
<i>Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN Metropolitan Statistical Area</i>	<i>2,040,746</i>
Dearborn County, IN	47,333
Franklin County, IN	22,585
Ohio County, IN	5,804
Boone County, KY	93,290
Bracken County, KY	8,482
Campbell County, KY	88,604
Gallatin County, KY	7,836
Grant County, KY	23,620
Kenton County, KY	152,164
Pendleton County, KY	14,815
Brown County, OH	43,464
Butler County, OH	340,543
Clermont County, OH	183,352
Hamilton County, OH	833,721
Warren County, OH	175,133
<i>Wilmington, OH Micropolitan Statistical Area</i>	<i>41,090</i>
Clinton County, OH	41,090



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Corbin-London, KY Combined Statistical Area	90,949
<i>Corbin, KY Micropolitan Statistical Area</i>	<i>36,636</i>
Whitley County, KY	36,636
<i>London, KY Micropolitan Statistical Area</i>	<i>54,313</i>
Laurel County, KY	54,313

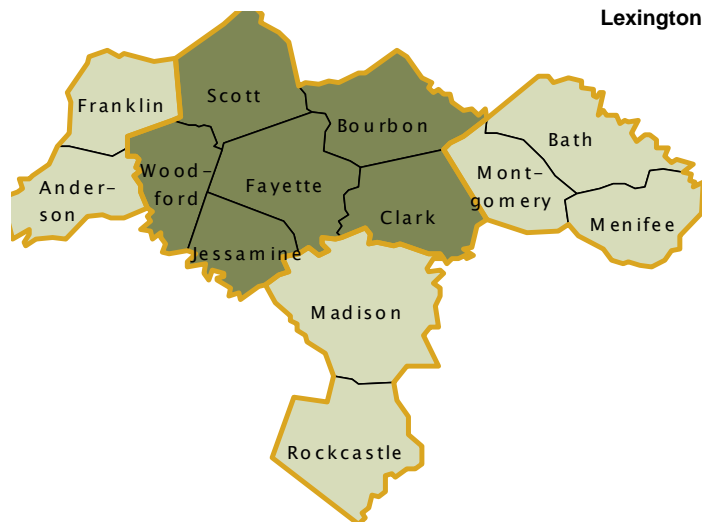
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cent of the state population. In the remaining 59 non-metropolitan counties, just over one million persons resided or 25 percent of the Kentucky total population.

Five combined statistical areas are associated with Kentucky. (See adjoining maps and data.) The Lexington-Fayette-Frankfort-Richmond CMA combines one metropolitan and three micropolitan statistical areas.

The Louisville-Elizabethtown-Scottsburg CMA is comprised of two metropolitan and one micropolitan statistical areas. One metro and one micro area comprise the Cincinnati CMA. The Corbin-London CMA and the Paducah-Mayfield CMA each are made up of two micro areas.

[Click here](#) for a spreadsheet with 1990, 2000, and 2002 populations for all Kentucky statistical areas.

Lexington-Fayette-Frankfort-Richmond, KY Combined Statistical Area 615,639


<i>Frankfort, KY Micropolitan Statistical Area</i>	67,762
Anderson County, KY	19,561
Franklin County, KY	48,201
<i>Lexington-Fayette, KY Metropolitan Statistical Area</i>	416,383
Bourbon County, KY	19,576
Clark County, KY	33,726
Fayette County, KY	263,618
Jessamine County, KY	40,740
Scott County, KY	35,320
Woodford County, KY	23,403
<i>Mount Sterling, KY Micropolitan Statistical Area</i>	41,377
Bath County, KY	11,407
Menifee County, KY	6,708
Montgomery County, KY	23,262
<i>Richmond, KY Micropolitan Statistical Area</i>	90,117
Madison County, KY	73,334
Rockcastle County, KY	16,783

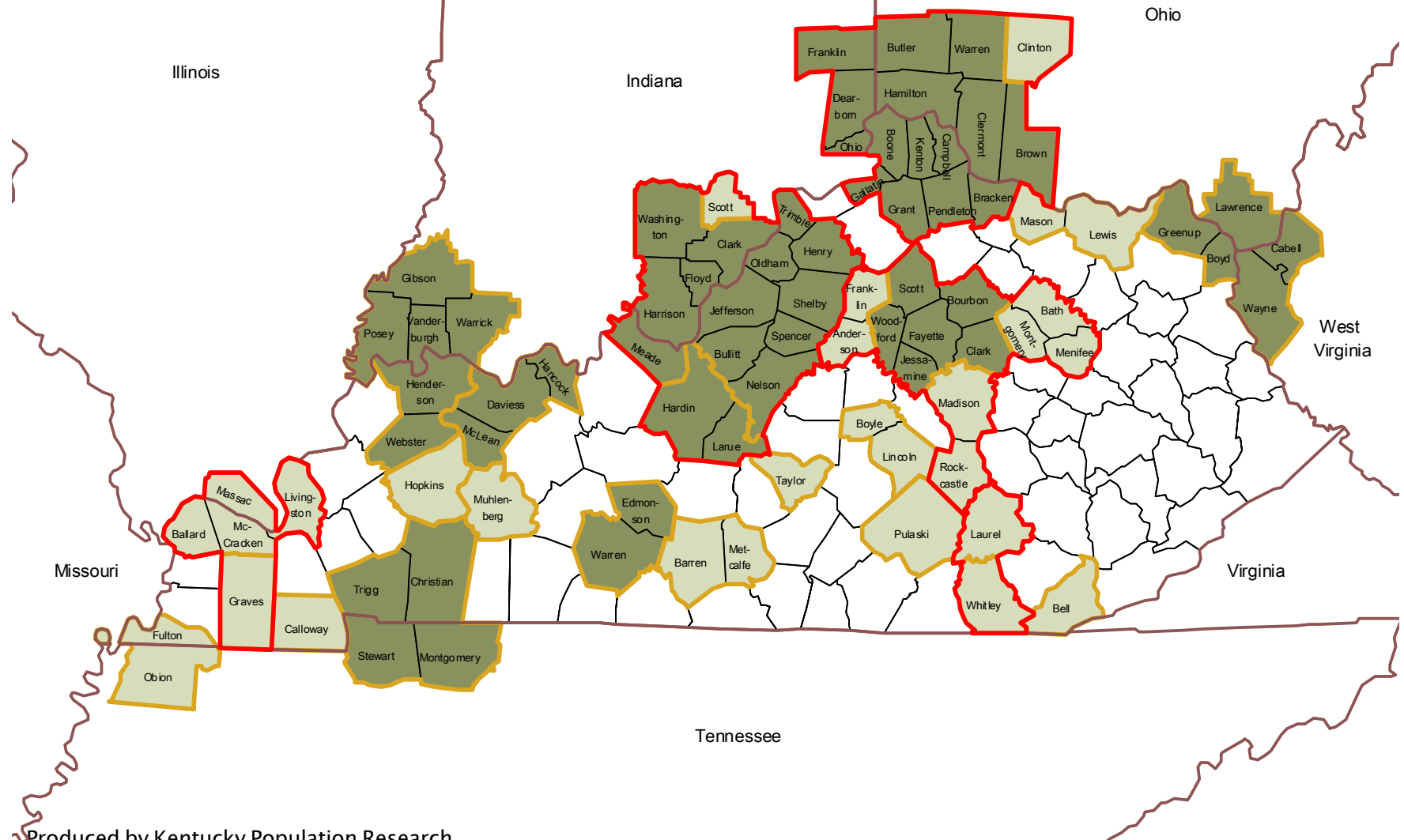
Louisville-Elizabethtown-Scottsburg, KY-IN Combined Statistical Area 1,315,262


<i>Elizabethtown, KY Metropolitan Statistical Area</i>	109,096
Hardin County, KY	95,724
Larue County, KY	13,372
<i>Louisville, KY-IN Metropolitan Statistical Area</i>	1,182,832
Clark County, IN	98,198
Floyd County, IN	71,633
Harrison County, IN	35,244
Washington County, IN	27,618
Bullitt County, KY	63,800
Henry County, KY	15,367
Jefferson County, KY	698,080
Meade County, KY	27,439
Nelson County, KY	38,823
Oldham County, KY	49,310
Shelby County, KY	35,125
Spencer County, KY	13,523
Trimble County, KY	8,672
<i>Scottsburg, IN Micropolitan Statistical Area</i>	23,334
Scott County, IN	23,334


Paducah-Mayfield, KY-IL Combined Statistical Area 134,789

<i>Mayfield, KY Micropolitan Statistical Area</i>	37,225
Graves County, KY	37,225
<i>Paducah, KY-IL Micropolitan Statistical Area</i>	97,564
Massac County, IL	15,021
Ballard County, KY	8,163
Livingston County, KY	9,846
McCracken County, KY	64,534

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